

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
CITY OF MILPITAS  
ARTS COMMISSION**

- Minutes:** Meeting of the Arts Commission (AC)  
**Date of Meeting:** Monday, April 26, 2004  
**Place of Meeting:** Milpitas City Hall Committee Conference Room, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
- I. Call to Order** Chairperson Foulk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Flag Salute** The Chair led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call** Commissioners Present: Ettinger, Foulk, Hays, Hicks, Ogle, Rabe and Alternate McGuire  
Commissioner Absent: S. Gupta and Alternate A. Gupta  
Council Member Present: Council Member Armando Gomez  
City Staff Present: Recreation Services Supervisor, Kathleen Yurchak, Public Services Assistant II, Renee Lorentzen
- IV. Alternates** The Chair sat Alternate McGuire in Commissioner S. Gupta's absence
- V. Agenda** **MOTION** to approve the Agenda of April 26, 2004.  
M/S: Hays/McGuire Ayes: All
- VI. Minutes** Commissioner Ettinger asked that Item IX. Announcements/Correspondence, Paragraph Three, under "Kathleen Yurchak", omit "not", to read "... and is the Milpitas Community Center Supervisor", Paragraph 7, under Donine Ettinger, Berkeley is spelled incorrectly, and Item VII. Minutes, sentence 3, change "he" to "her".  
**MOTION** to approve the Minutes of March 22, 2004, as amended.  
M/S: Rabe/Ogle Ayes: All
- VII. Citizens Forum** No members from the audience wished to address the Commission.
- VIII. Announcements/Correspondence**  
Recreation Services Supervisor, Kathleen Yurchak, announced the following to the Commission:
- *Rainbow Theatre presents "Annie Jr." at the Milpitas Community Center from April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup>.*
  - *The Global Village Multi-Cultural Faire will be held at the Milpitas Sports Center Football Field on May 1<sup>st</sup> from 11am-4pm.*
  - *Arts Summit held at the Mexican Heritage Plaza in San Jose from May 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>.*
- IX. Old Business**
- 1. Allocation of funds to be budgeted for arts in Milpitas in the Arts Commission Budget**  
Recreation Services Supervisor, Yurchak, informed the Commission that this item was put on the Agenda by the request of the Commission. A sub-committee will need to be formed to further research the City of Milpitas implementing a percentage for the arts from developer fees.

Commissioner Hay asked why Staff was not researching this item further. Chairperson Foulk thought the item had been researched already and that the Commission was going to City Council to ask them to consider implementing a percentage of developer fees to be applied to the arts. Recreation Services Supervisor, Yurhcak, answered that Staff had supplied the Commission with preliminary research as requested and any further action desired by the Commission, will need to be spearheaded by a sub-committee of the Arts Commission. Commissioner Rabe added that Staff had done what the Commission asked, which was to get documentation for the Commission on other city's and how they budgeted funds for the arts. That documentation is back up information for the Commission, as the Commission should be knowledgeable of their requests. The Commission cannot rely on Staff do the Commission's work. The Commission agreed to form a sub-committee and Commissioner's Rabe, Hays are members of the sub-committee.

## **2. Work Plan**

Recreation Services Supervisor Yurchak, informed the Commission that the Milpitas City Council would be reviewing the Commission's Work Plan at their May 18, 2004, meeting. Chairperson Foulk stated that he would be present for the City Council meeting to represent the Commission.

The Commission reviewed their Work Plan. The current item for consideration and action is Arts Day 2004. The Commission asked that this item would be agendized for discussion at the May 24, 2004, meeting.

## **X. New Business**

### **1. "See Me Grow Children's "Self Portraits"**

Child Care Coordinator, Toby Librande, thanked the Commission for the opportunity to have the children's art displayed in the Phantom Art Gallery. The gallery is a success, enjoyed by all who enter. Child Care Coordinator, Librande, asked for the Commission's feed back on the gallery, the process and their feelings on hosting the gallery in 2005.

Commissioner Rabe said that she was disappointed to not see the City's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo on any of the gallery's literature. This type of event would have been a perfect way to incorporate the logo. Commissioner Ogle stated she would like to see High School students displayed also. Child Care Coordinator, Librande, answered that she is responsible for children ages 0-12 years of age, which was the focus of the gallery. Children older than 12 years old would need to be a part of a separate display. Commissioner Ogle said she enjoyed the accompanying leaflet that gave information on the child's age and artistic development. She also expressed that it was nice to see the drawings matted and framed.

Commissioner Rabe said the Milpitas Unified School District (MUSD) Board Meeting Room might be a good place to display children's artwork next year. If the Phantom Art Gallery is going to strive to be a professional gallery, informal art would be better hung at the MUSD Board Room.

Commissioner McGuire asked if this was the first year the topic of "Self Portrait" was used or if it was a reoccurring theme. Child Care Coordinator, Librande, answered this was the first year for the topic. Commissioner McGuire pointed out that some pieces displayed were not on topic. Child Care Coordinator, Librande, answered that the Sub-committee, Commissioners' Foulk, McGuire, Ogle, Rabe, were in charge of choosing the pieces displayed: Staff removed themselves completely from the selection process. Commissioner McGuire stated that she felt children's artwork is not appropriate for the Phantom Art Gallery.

Commissioner Hicks stated that she feels the Phantom Art Gallery is in a good location, at the Milpitas Community Center, and should host galleries such as the Children's Art Display. The Community Center serves children and their families. She suggested, should the Arts Commission wish to pursue a more "professional" Phantom Art Gallery; it should be relocated to another building.

Chairperson Foulk reminded the Commission that the location of the Phantom Art Gallery is not the agenda item, but that the children's art display for 2005 is.

Commissioner Ettinger stated that the display was great, and the location of the Phantom Art Gallery is a good one. Commissioner Rabe said she would like for staff to find another location for the children's art display. Commissioner Ettinger stated she liked the topic of the art show, it was very conceptual and suggested that staff keep future topics for the art show in the same genre.

**MOTION** to have the Children's Art Show in the Milpitas Phantom Art Gallery in April of 2005.

M/S: Hicks/Ettinger

Ayes: 3 (Ettinger, Foulk, Hicks)

Nays: 4 (Hays, McGuire, Ogle, Rabe)

## **2. Phantom Art Gallery Application Review Update**

Commissioner Rabe referred the Commission to the copy of the Phantom Art Gallery Draft in their Commissioner Packet. Commissioner Rabe pointed out the following major changes to the Application and requested that the format be laid out as to what was discussed at the sub-committee meeting

- Length of Exhibit to 2 months
- Artwork labeled, size specified
- City Staff and Commissioner Review of gallery before opening
- Added disclaimer in case of special City exhibits
- Indicate that artist must be present at the selection meeting and prepared to respond to Commissioner questions

**MOTION** to approve the changes to the Phantom Art Gallery Application.

M/S: Rabe/Ettinger

Ayes: All

Chairperson Foulk asked if the same Committee would be working on a promotional brochure for the Phantom Art Gallery.

Commissioner Rabe stated that someone with graphic and/or designing experience should work on the promotional information.

Phantom Art Gallery Promotional Materials Subcommittee: Commissioners' McGuire, Rabe

## **3. Schedule Public Art Tours**

This item was tabled to the May 24, 2004, meeting, where Staff would return to the meeting with a list of surrounding cities who have public art, as possible places to visit on the Commission's public art tour.

## **XI. Staff Reports**

- CASP: Darlene Carmen "Celebrate Art as a Family": May 22 – 3:00pm, Community Center – Donine Ettinger & Harriet McGuire

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- CASP: San Jose Wind Symphony: May 23 – 3:00pm, Community Center –Linda Rabe
- Memorial Day Ceremony: May 31 – 9:00am, Veterans Memorial Park

**XII. Liaison Reports**

None

**XIII. Future Agenda Items**

- Public Art Tours
- Phantom Art Gallery Promotional Materials

**XIV. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 24, 2004.